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Listing of the Claims:

Claims 1-22 (canceled).

Claim 23 (currently amended): A composition comprising an oligonucleotide 5 to 50 nucleotides in length which is complementary to at least a portion of a Hepatitis C virus genomic or messenger mRNA which comprises SEQ ID NO: 6, and wherein said composition is in a form suitable for subcutaneous administration.

Claim 24 (currently amended): A method for inhibiting Hepatitis C virus gene expression in an animal comprising subcutaneously administering to said animal the composition of claim 23 ~~or claim 27~~.

Claim 25 (currently amended): A method of inhibiting Hepatitis C virus replication in an animal comprising subcutaneously administering to said animal the composition of claim 23 ~~or claim 27~~.

Claim 26 (currently amended): A method of treating a hepatitis C virus-associated disease in an animal comprising subcutaneously administering to said animal the composition of claim 23 ~~or claim 27~~.

Claim 27 (canceled).

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Claim 28 (new): A composition consisting of SEQ ID NO: 6, and wherein said composition is in a form suitable for subcutaneous administration.

Claim 29 (new): A method for inhibiting Hepatitis C virus gene expression in an animal comprising subcutaneously administering to said animal the composition of claim 28.

Claim 30 (new): A method of inhibiting Hepatitis C virus replication in an animal comprising subcutaneously administering to said animal the composition of claim 28

Claim 31 (new): A method of treating a hepatitis C virus-associated disease in an animal comprising subcutaneously administering to said animal the composition of claim 28.